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(*b*) if so, whether the Police have made any investigations about this incident; and

(*c*) if so, with what result?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) The dead body of Srimathi Kalliani was found floating in a tank about a mile from her house but there was no evidence to show that the death occurred under suspicious circumstances.

(*b*) & (*c*) The inquest held by Police and the post-mortem examination showed that the death was due to asphyxia due to drowning and that no foul play was indicated.

Opening of a High School in Nattika village

* 120-H *Q.*—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Director of Public Instruction has refused to sanction the opening of a High school in Nattika village of Ponnani taluk, Malabar; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) Permission to start a Middle School with Forms I to III has been granted by the Director of Public Instruction, though permission to open a High school with Forms I to IV has been refused by him.

(*b*) The Director of Public Instruction is not convinced of the need for a High school with Form IV at the village.

* 120-I *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER: This question will be taken up to-morrow at the request of the hon. Member.

Hindi Pandits

* 120-J *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government propose to modify the rule that Hindi Pandits should have seventeen hours' work in High School classes in order that they may be eligible for grant in the case of Class I Pandits?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: The matter is under consideration of the Government.

Benefit performance for a school building in Salem

*1 (SHORT NOTICE) *Q.*—SRI K. V. RAMASWAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any benefit performance was conducted by the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Salem, for the construction of a school building in the Armed Reserve Lines, Salem;

(*b*) whether tickets were sold by the police officials throughout the district;

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(*c*) whether donations were received from bus operator and mill owners;

(*d*) whether previous permission was obtained by the Government for selling tickets by the police; and

(*e*) the total amount collected by the police for the performance?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) No, Sir. A benefit performance was conducted by the Rotary Club, Salem, on [illegible]th April 1956 for the benefit of the school in the Armed Reserve Lines, Salem.

(*b*) No, Sir. Tickets were sold by the members of the Rotary Club and *not* by the police officials.

(*c*) Donations were received from—

(1) Jawahar Mills,

(2) Rajendra Mills,

(3) Sri Kesavalu Naidu of Attur, and

(4) Sri Ramachandra Chettiar and Sons, Salem, towards the construction of school building and sanction was accorded by the Government for the acceptance of the donations.

(*d*) & (*e*) The questions do not arise.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: ரோடரி கிளப்பின் சார்பில் இந்த நாடகம் நடத்தப்பட்டிருக்கலாம். ஆனால், போலீஸ் டிபுடி சூபரின்டென்ட் இதிலே அதிகமாக உற்சாகம் காட்டி தன்னுடைய சிப்பந்திகளை ஏவிவிட்டு வசூல் செய்ததாகத்தான் இந்தக் கேள்வியிலிருந்து, எனக்கு வந்திருக்கக்கூடிய விவரங்களிலிருந்தும் தெரியவருகிறது. ரோடரி கிளப்பின் பெயரால் நடத்தப்பட்டது என்று மட்டும் சொல்லி இதைத் தட்டிக்கழிக்காமல் இதில் எவ்வளவு தொகை வசூல் ஆகியது, வசூலான எல்லாத் தொகையும் இந்தப் பள்ளிக்கூட கட்டிடத்துக்கே செலவு செய்யப்பட்டதா என்பதை சர்க்கார் விசாரிக்க முன் வருவார்களா என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: If the hon. Member is interested in knowing the amount, I may tell him that it has been reported that a total amount of Rs. 17,611 was collected by the Rotary Club, and this was announced in the presence of the Hon. Chief Minister and the Secretary, Rotary Club, Salem. As far as my information goes, all the money was utilized for the purpose of this school. According to the information available with me, I have to state that it is not true to say that the Police officials exerted pressure for the purpose of collecting this money.

MR. SPEAKER: Questions are over.